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[on the report of the Third Committee (A/47/678/Add.2)]

47/123. Right to development

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Declaration on the Right to Development, 1/ which it proclaimed at its forty-first session,

Recalling its resolutions 45/97 of 14 December 1990 and 46/123 of 17 December 1991, and those of the Commission on Human Rights relating to the right to development, and taking note of Commission resolution 1992/13 of 21 February 1992, 2/

Recalling also the report on the Global Consultation on the Realization of the Right to Development as a Human Right, 3/

Bearing in mind the principles proclaimed in the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development of 14 June 1992, 4/

Reiterating the importance of the right to development for all countries, in particular the developing countries,

1/ Resolution 41/128, annex.

2/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1992, Supplement No. 2 (E/1992/22), chap. II, sect. A.

3/ E/CN.4/1990/9/Rev.1.

4/ See Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992 (A/CONF.151/26), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

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Mindful that the Commission on Human Rights entered a new phase in its consideration of this matter, which is directed towards the implementation and further enhancement of the right to development,

Reaffirming the need for an evaluation mechanism so as to ensure the promotion, encouragement and reinforcement of the principles contained in the Declaration on the Right to Development,

Recalling its resolution 45/155 of 18 December 1990, in which it decided, inter alia, that one of the objectives of the World Conference on Human Rights to be held in 1993 would be to examine the relationship between development and the enjoyment by everyone of economic, social and cultural rights as well as civil and political rights, recognizing the importance of creating the conditions whereby everyone may enjoy these rights as set out in the International Covenants on Human Rights, 5/

Recalling also that, in order to promote development, equal attention and urgent consideration should be given to the implementation, promotion and protection of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights,

Having considered the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General 6/ prepared pursuant to Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/15 of 22 February 1991 7/ and General Assembly resolution 46/123,

1. Reaffirms the importance of the right to development for all countries, in particular the developing countries;
2. Takes note with interest of the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-ninth session concrete proposals on the effective implementation and promotion of the Declaration on the Right to Development, taking into account the views expressed on the issue at the forty-eighth session of the Commission as well as any further comments and suggestions that may be submitted on the basis of paragraph 3 of Commission resolution 1992/13;
4. Reiterates the need for appropriate ways and means, such as an evaluation mechanism, to ensure the promotion, encouragement and reinforcement of the principles contained in the Declaration;
5. Requests the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Development and the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat to continue coordination of the various activities with regard to the implementation of the Declaration;

5/ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

6/ E/CN.4/1992/10.

7/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 2 (E/1991/22), chap. II, sect. A.

6. Urges all relevant bodies of the United Nations system, particularly the specialized agencies, when planning their programmes of activities, to take due account of the Declaration and to make efforts to contribute to its application;

7. Also urges the regional commissions and regional intergovernmental organizations to convene meetings of governmental experts and representative non-governmental and grass-roots organizations for the purpose of seeking agreements for the implementation of the Declaration through international cooperation;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to inform the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-ninth session and the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session of the activities of the organizations, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system for the implementation of the Declaration;

9. Calls upon the Commission on Human Rights to continue to make proposals to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, on the future course of action on the question, in particular on practical measures for the implementation and enhancement of the Declaration, taking into account the conclusions and recommendations of the Global Consultation on the Realization of the Right to Development as a Human Right and replies contained in the report of the Secretary-General prepared in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Commission and the General Assembly;

10. Calls upon the World Conference on Human Rights and the Preparatory Committee for the Conference to take fully into account the Declaration in examining the relationship between economic and social development, democracy and the enjoyment of human rights and the indivisibility and interdependency of economic, social, cultural and political rights, and the fact that economic and social progress facilitates the growing trend towards democracy and the promotion and protection of human rights;

11. Decides to consider this question at its forty-eighth session under the sub-item entitled "Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms".

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